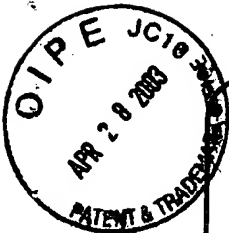


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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office action of March 24, 2003, the response for which is due June 24, 2003. Please amend and reconsider the above-referenced application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 13:

1. (Three times amended) A balloon catheter having a distal end, the balloon catheter comprising:

an elongated catheter shaft having a proximal end, a distal end, a proximal shaft section, a distal shaft section, an inflation lumen, and a guidewire receiving lumen extending along at least a portion thereof, the guidewire receiving lumen being in communication with a port at the catheter distal end;



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